

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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NOTICE OF FILING

DOCKET NO. 2015-391-C

Docket Summary: Joint Application of Global Connection Inc. of America and Budget PrePay, Inc. d/b/a Budget Phone for Approval to Transfer Assets

Global Connection Inc. of America (GCIOA or the Company) and Budget PrePay, Inc. d/b/a Budget Phone (Budget) (together, Joint Applicants) have filed a Joint Application with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) to transfer certain Budget South Carolina wireline customers (Customers) to GCIOA pursuant to an asset purchase Agreement dated August 21, 2015. The Joint Application was filed pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §58-9-310. In support of the relief requested, the Joint Applicants opine that GCIOA will provide the transferred Customers with services that meet or exceed the plans they currently enjoy without any immediate (or near-term) increase to their monthly rates and that Commission approval of the Transaction is in the public interest.

A copy of the Company's Application can be found on the Commission's website at www.psc.sc.gov under Docket No. 2015-391-C. Additionally, a copy of the Application is available from the Company's representative Jack Pringle, Jr., Esquire, Adams and Reese, LLP, 15101 Main St., 5th Floor, Columbia, SC 29201.

A public hearing, if scheduled, will be held in Columbia, South Carolina in the offices of the Commission located at 101 Executive Center Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210, for the purpose of receiving testimony and other evidence from all interested parties regarding this Application. The time and date of this hearing will be furnished to all interested parties at a later date.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter as a party of record should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure on or before **Tuesday, December 29, 2015**, by filing the Petition to Intervene with the Commission, by providing a copy to the Office of Regulatory Staff and by providing a copy to all parties of record. For the receipt of future Commission correspondence, please include an email address in the Petition to Intervene. *Please refer to Docket No. 2015-391-C.* Any person who seeks to intervene and who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing should notify, in writing, the Commission; the Office of Regulatory Staff at 1401 Main Street, Suite 900, Columbia, South Carolina 29201; and the Company's representative at the above address, on or before **Tuesday, December 29, 2015**. *Please refer to Docket No. 2015-391-C.*

For the most recent information regarding this docket, including changes in scheduled dates included in this Notice, please refer to www.psc.sc.gov and *Docket No. 2015-391-C*.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that any person who wishes to have his or her comments considered as part of the official record of this proceeding **MUST** present such comments in person to the Commission during the hearing.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's procedures should contact the Commission at (803) 896-5100 or visit its website at www.psc.sc.gov.

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